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Subject: FW: Challenge to need for CAPX2020 project
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From: cmealman1@yahoo.com [mailto:cmealman1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 5:46 PM
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC
Subject: Challenge to need for CAPX2020 project

I am a resident of Dakota County, MN, whose home is on the preferred route for the Hampton Line. I have attended and spoken at as many of the meetings as possible. I am urging your group to please consider what we perceive and very real environmental negative impacts to our communities with this power line.

- I-107-001** | First, they are using inaccurate and out-dated information! Please use instead the Xcel Energy's and Dairyland Power's current forecasts.
- Secondly, the taxpayers of MN made it clear that we want to be as environmentally responsible as possible in regards to our power needs in the future. We absolutely believe that good conservation, local generation and local transmission can solve any local reliability issues. The CAPX plan will be so disruptive and unsightly for our Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge, Scenic Byways and other natural resources.
- I-107-002** |
I-107-003 |
- I-107-004** | There is proven health risk to these lines. They are putting this line on 240th Street which is the main road for the largest concentration of houses in all of DAKota County! What a tremendous impact on our families with children, our special needs children, and the health to all of us. Our property values are going to be severely affected and they have wiggled their way legislatively out of having to give fair compensation.
- I-107-005** |
- I-107-006** | The environmental harm is considerable - we do not need more coal plants and we do NOT need this line to meet our energy needs. Please consider the risks to our bird population along the Mississippi Flyway if CAPX is allowed to continue with their plans.
- I-107-007** |

I-107-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-107-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-107-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-107-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-107-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-107-006

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact

Thank you for revisiting the issue of this power line.

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I-107-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.